

Message Text

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

PAGE 01 SAIGON 14002 030535Z

14

ACTION EA-14

INFO OCT-01 ADP-00 DPW-01 CIAE-00 DODE-00 PM-07 H-03

INR-10 L-03 NSAE-00 NSC-10 PA-03 RSC-01 PRS-01 SS-15

USIA-15 IO-13 OMB-01 AID-20 RSR-01 /119 W

----- 126821

R 030400Z AUG 73

FM AMEMBASSY SAIGON

TO SECSTATE WASHDC 5484

INFO AMCONSUL NHA TRANG

AMCONSUL CAN THO

AMCONSUL DANANG

AMCONSUL BIEN HOA

CINCPAC

USDEL JEC PARIS

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE SAIGON 14002

EO 11652: N/A

TAGS: PINT VS

SUBJ: ANTI-GVN PUBLICATION ON "POLITICAL PRISONERS"

CINCPAC FOR POLAD

1. EMBASSY HAS OBTAINED FROM ITS EDITOR-AUTHOR A COPY OF A TWO-VOLUME WORK TITLED "POLITICAL PRISONERS IN SOUTH VIETNAM AFTER THE SIGNING OF THE PARIS AGREEMENT" PUBLISHED BY THE "COMMITTEE CAMPAIGNING FOR THE IMPROVEMENT OF PRISON CONDITIONS IN SOUTH VIETNAM," AN ANTI-GOVERNMENT ACTIVIST GROUP HEADED BY REDEMPTIONIST PRIEST FATHER CHAN TIN. ONE OF THE MAIN FEATURES OF THIS PUBLICATION, AND THE ONLY ONE STRESSED BY CHAN TIN IN DISCUSSING IT WITH EMBOFF, IS A LIST OF PLACES WHERE "POLITICAL PRISONERS" WERE ALLEGEDLY HELD IN SOUTH VIETNAM AS OF LAST JUNE 1. THE LIST TOTALS 202,000 "POLITICAL PRISONERS."

2. THE BOOK WAS THE SUBJECT OF A WASHINGTON POST STORY, JULY 27, AND IT HAS RECEIVED CONSIDERABLE ATTENTION IN PRESS CIRCLES HERE.

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

PAGE 02 SAIGON 14002 030535Z

GVN SPOKESMAN BUI BAO TRUC DEVOTED TWENTY MINUTES OF APRESS

BRIEFING JULY 31 TO REBUT STATEMENTS IN IT. HE NOTED PARTICULARLY THAT THE 202,000 STATISITC CONTRAICTS FIGURES USED ELSEWHERE IN THE SAME PUBLICATION. TRUC TERMED "ENTIRELY FALSE" A STATEMENT SAYING THAT INDIVIDUALS IMPRISONED IN THE RVN ARE JUST POLITICAL OPPONENTS OF THE GOVERNMENT, ASSERTING THAT THE PERSONS DETAINED HAD CAUSED DISORDERS OR HAD SABOTAGED NATIONAL SECURITY. TRUC ALSO STRESSED THAT THE BOOK NOWHERE DISCUSSES RVN CIVILIAN AND MILITARY PERSONNEL UNDER COMMUNIST CAPTIVITY.

3. AIRGRAM FOLLOWS.
MARTIN

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

NNN

Message Attributes

Automatic Decaptioning: X
Capture Date: 01 JAN 1994
Channel Indicators: n/a
Current Classification: UNCLASSIFIED
Concepts: PUBLICATIONS, POLITICAL PRISONERS
Control Number: n/a
Copy: SINGLE
Draft Date: 03 AUG 1973
Decaption Date: 01 JAN 1960
Decaption Note:
Disposition Action: RELEASED
Disposition Approved on Date:
Disposition Authority: golinofr
Disposition Case Number: n/a
Disposition Comment: 25 YEAR REVIEW
Disposition Date: 28 MAY 2004
Disposition Event:
Disposition History: n/a
Disposition Reason:
Disposition Remarks:
Document Number: 1973SAIGON14002
Document Source: CORE
Document Unique ID: 00
Drafter: n/a
Enclosure: n/a
Executive Order: N/A
Errors: N/A
Film Number: n/a
From: SAIGON
Handling Restrictions: n/a
Image Path:
ISecure: 1
Legacy Key: link1973/newtext/t19730859/aaaabrdk.tel
Line Count: 72
Locator: TEXT ON-LINE
Office: ACTION EA
Original Classification: LIMITED OFFICIAL USE
Original Handling Restrictions: n/a
Original Previous Classification: n/a
Original Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Page Count: 2
Previous Channel Indicators:
Previous Classification: LIMITED OFFICIAL USE
Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Reference: n/a
Review Action: RELEASED, APPROVED
Review Authority: golinofr
Review Comment: n/a
Review Content Flags:
Review Date: 06 DEC 2001
Review Event:
Review Exemptions: n/a
Review History: RELEASED <06-Dec-2001 by shawdg>; APPROVED <28-Dec-2001 by golinofr>
Review Markings:

Declassified/Released
US Department of State
EO Systematic Review
30 JUN 2005

Review Media Identifier:
Review Referrals: n/a
Review Release Date: n/a
Review Release Event: n/a
Review Transfer Date:
Review Withdrawn Fields: n/a
Secure: OPEN
Status: NATIVE
Subject: ANTI-GVN PUBLICATION ON "POLITICAL PRISONERS" CINCPAC FOR POLAD
TAGS: PINT, VS
To: STATE
Type: TE
Markings: Declassified/Released US Department of State EO Systematic Review 30 JUN 2005